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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND COMPUTER  
READABLE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM

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Examiner: A. Bayat

**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2007, and the Advisory Action dated October 18, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in connection with the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.